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**Lohan gets some new ink**



## Armed man holds up gas station

**DARTMOUTH** A man armed with a knife and with a bandana over his face robbed the Ultramar station on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth early yesterday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say at about 3:45 a.m., the man entered the gas station and demanded cash and cigarettes from the clerk. He then fled the scene in a dark green car toward downtown Dartmouth.

The suspect is described as about five-foot-five with a shaved head and goatee. He was wearing a black hoodie with grey lettering, and jeans.

The clerk wasn't injured. Police are continuing to investigate.

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## New Titanic artifacts showcased

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## Arts



Chad McNamara, Elena Juatco, Aaron Kyte and Lisa Lennox rehearse a scene from Disney High School Musical yesterday at the Neptune Theatre. The production officially opens Friday night. Story, pg 3

## High School Musical

## Sewage plant shut down for one year

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE for Metro Halifax

Some "goosey" photos taken inside the Halifax wastewater treatment facility helped city officials explain yesterday why the plant will remain shut down until next spring.

The pictures of pumps and other equipment covered in sludge and grime were taken following a Jan. 14 flood that was caused by a power outage and put the \$54-million facility out of commission.

Brad Anguish, director of Halifax Regional Municipality's Harbour Solutions Project, and Carl Yates, general manager of Halifax Water, told city council during a closed-door meeting that the plant will be closed for another year and later made a public announcement.

The first of three sewage treatment facilities for the municipality opened to much fanfare in February 2008 and Mayor Peter Kelly followed up last August with a celebratory swim in newly cleaned waters off of Point Pleasant Park.

"We sincerely regret this setback," Anguish said.

Yates added it's "a balancing act" between inspecting and correcting the problems inside and getting the plant up and running again.

They're hopeful insurance will pay for the damage, but couldn't put a price tag on it. The facility is in the fourth month of its three-year warranty.

# Investing in 3 Rs

Province promises to spend \$307 million for schools

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**The province is promising to spend more than \$300 million in the next seven years for a new school construction and renovation program.**

The \$307.3-million investment announced yesterday is for eight new schools to be built and 41 other schools to be upgraded throughout the province by 2016. The announcement is part of the province's Building For Growth economic stimulus plan, with work contingent on approval of the upcoming spring budget.

"These 49 school projects will provide jobs now and a valuable legacy for years to come," Premier Rodney MacDonald said in a release.

From the Halifax Regional School Board, there are four new schools slated to be built, with two others receiving renovations.

A new \$34.2-million high school is slated to replace Charles P. Allen in Bedford with a scheduled opening of 2012. In Halifax, a Joseph Howe Elementary School replacement is set for 2013 along with a LeMarchant St. Thomas Elementary School replacement for

2014.

In Dartmouth, a new P-9 school will replace Prince Arthur Junior High and Southdale-North Woodside Elementary, with an opening date of 2014.

Two other schools — Dartmouth High and Inglis Street Elementary — will both receive multimillion-dollar upgrades, along with local French schools Carrefour and Ecole Secondaire d'Halifax.

Education Minister Judy Streatch, who joined the premier at yesterday's announcement in Lunenburg, said the schools chosen come from the latest Capital School Construction List

started in 2008, with recommendations from school boards across the province.

She added the announcements also clean up leftover projects from a similar list made in 2003.

"I think people will be very suspicious that this is an announcement apparently being made shortly before an election campaign," NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said to yesterday's news.

Added Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, "It's offensive that this government is using the education of our children as a political pawn."

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The Dalhousie University Board of Governors announced yesterday that Dr. Tom Traves has been appointed to a new term as president. Traves has been president of Dalhousie since 1995, with his new term running until 2013, which would make him the longest serving president in school history. **METRO HALIFAX**

**Dal president Traves appointed to new term**

# Local



## k.d. lang at the Metro Centre

Four-time Grammy winner k.d. lang, left, will perform with local songwriter Meaghan Smith tomorrow at the Halifax Metro Centre at 8 p.m. Lang will perform songs from her new album, *Watershed*, as well as old favourites like *Crying* and *Constant Craving*. Tickets are still available and cost \$72 and \$67, plus service charges. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Grits upset at attack on NDP's Zann

**POLITICS** The Liberal association in Truro-Bible Hill has distanced themselves from the recent attack on NDP candidate Lenore Zann.

Last week a Liberal party volunteer leaked nude pictures of the Truro-born actress from one of her earlier films. Leader Stephen McNeil said it would not tolerate such actions.

"We are shocked and angered by the personal attack on Ms. Zann," said a statement released by the Truro-Bible Hill Liberal Association.

"This action was taken without any consultation with anyone in our riding association, or with potential candidates. We do not condone this type of behaviour."

The association communicated with the provincial party and requested an immediate apology. McNeil called Zann to apologize last week. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

## Premier thanks volunteers

**AWARD** Premier Rodney MacDonald thanked 70 volunteers for their hard work yesterday at the 35th annual Provincial Volunteer Awards in Halifax.

Currently about 377,000 Nova Scotians volunteer their time, but that number is down from previous years.

"We need volunteers," minister for volunteerism, Pat Dunn, said yesterday in a release. **METRO HALIFAX**

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What's online today.

**Video** A gang war and seemingly random murders have some in Vancouver on edge at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Video** New artifacts from the Titanic go on display in Halifax at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Video** Prime Minister Stephen Harper tours flood-ravaged Manitoba at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

# Titanic collection gets bigger

Maritime Museum adds another \$80,000 worth of historic artifacts

**JON TATTIE**  
for Metro Halifax

**Halifax's Titanic collection at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic grew yesterday with the addition of \$80,000 worth of highly sought after artifacts: a mortuary bag, a wreckwood rosette, a photograph and a cap badge.**

The rough canvas bag held the belongings of first-class bedroom steward Edmund Stone, who died in the 1917 disaster and was buried at sea. The bag has "41" written on it, showing Stone was the 41st body recovered. The possessions found on his body were sealed in the bag and mailed to his wife in England, where all of the items were bought at auction last fall.

Some passengers had pockets stuffed with diamonds as they awaited a rescue that never came. Not Stone, a rusty pocket



Dan Conlin, curator of maritime history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, displays a mortuary bag which was used to hold the personal effects of Edmund Stone, a first-class bedroom steward who died when the Titanic sank in 1917.

watch, a few keys and a ticket for an item held at a pawn shop were all that remained of the 33-year-old.

"When I hold this material, it does sometimes feel a little spooky. I just imagine this mortuary bag ar-

iving in the mail to Mrs. Stone, and her opening this up, and this is all that's left of her husband,"

said Maritime Museum of the Atlantic historian Dan Conlin at yesterday's unveiling.

Conlin noted Stone's pay stopped April 15, 1917. "You only got paid as long as the ship was afloat," he explained.

The wreckwood rosette was made by William Parker, a Halifax carpenter who helped recover Titanic victims. He carved it out of pieces of the mahogany balustrade from the ship's grand staircase. The museum already had a cribbage table Parker made from the same material.

The photograph is of him and the cap badge also belonged to the "wreckwood folk artist" of the Titanic, Conlin said. "This flotsam nobody wanted, he turned it into paperweights, picture frames, cribbage boards and rosettes."

Those were given as mementos to those who had helped in the rescue and recovery.

## Government House Tradition



Ron Jeppesen, project manager for the renovation of Government House, puts a shoe in the ceiling of a basement room yesterday. When Government House was originally built, craftsmen put shoes near doors and windows to ward off evil spirits. So in keeping with the tradition, Jeppesen placed eight shoes in of the lieutenant-governor's residence yesterday.

## Board approves school plans

**BUILDING** Halifax Regional School Board chairman Irvine Carvery gave his nod of approval yesterday to the province's promise to replace four aging buildings and fix up two others.

But he's concerned with how long it might take for the city's students to see the benefits.

"The timeframe for this is quite far out there," he said. However, Carvery noted, "if there is a change in government, normally the new government lives up to those commitments, in terms of education — so there's room for optimism."

The earliest one of the new schools announced yesterday will open its doors is

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Irvine Carvery

2012. And a new school to replace both Southdale-North Woodside Elementary and Prince Arthur Junior High in Dartmouth is supposed to open in 2014.

"They match what we've identified in terms of our Imagine Our Schools process," he said of the board's facilities master plan. "(But) through our process, it was identified for Prince Arthur and Southdale-North Woodside that they would have two

schools, not just one."

The Tories also committed to replace Charles P. Allen High School in Bedford, which was built to house 800 students. Enrolment is now at about 1,200.

"It's really wonderful news," said Elaine Loney, who's on the school's advisory council. "It will certainly relieve a serious overcrowding issue."

New Democrat Leader Darrell Dexter and Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil both indicated yesterday they'd back the school construction if an election is called, as long as the projects match what boards want for their jurisdictions. **METRO HALIFAX**

## News in brief

**CUTS** More than 200 organizations funded by the Department of Community Services will not see cuts in their budget, according to Community Services Minister Chris d'Entremont.

**CRIME** A 43-year-old man ap-

peared in court yesterday charged with break and entering following an incident Monday night in Bedford. Police say just before 11 p.m., a homeowner reported someone had smashed in his basement window, resulting in the house alarm going off.

**CRASH** A stretch of the Old Sambro Road was closed for some time yesterday afternoon after a 17-year-old male crested a hill too fast and wound up clipping a power pole and ending up in a ditch with his car.

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## Author discusses new book

Author John Ralston Saul will be speaking at the University of King's College tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Hall to discuss points from his new book *A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada*. The book challenges the conventional wisdom that defines Canada's history. **METRO HALIFAX**

# High School at centre stage

It's high energy, says star of Disney's hit musical

JON TATTIE  
For Metro Halifax

**Get your pom-poms out: High School Musical is hitting Halifax. Disney's singing and dancing superhit opens at Neptune Theatre on Friday night.**

"It's incredibly high energy," says Aaron Kyte, the Bridgewater native who stars as Troy Bolton. "(As an actor) you can't really pace yourself, because you can't save anything. You just give it and hope that it's there for the next show, too."

Kyte, who played Sparky in Plaid Tidings last Christmas, says his first role was in a high school musical: *Guys and Dolls*.

"High school was a bit like the story — it's where

I discovered musical theatre," Kyte says.

Had he gone to East High, he would have been watching the show. "I would have been a brainiac and a closet drama kid."

Asked how old he is now, he laughs: "Not 17."

Director David Connolly admits controlling a stage full of high school students

## Tickets

- High School Musical plays at Neptune Theatre from Friday May 31.
- For ticket information go to [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com) or phone 429-7070.

isn't easy. "It feels like hundreds, but there are only 23 on stage," he says during a pause in rehearsals.

His head suddenly zips to the stage, as someone's arm isn't quite where it should be. He corrects the move and returns to the interview.

"I have to embody all 23 of them for the entire show. I breathe with all of them. I know when they're in the zone and I know when



Elena Juatco and Aaron Kyte rehearse a scene from the Neptune Theatre's production of Disney High School Musical yesterday. Kyte, originally from Bridgewater, is playing the role of Troy Bolton.

they're not," he explains.

"That's why live theatre is so exciting. It's like watching figure skating: it's art

and sport and part of you hopes they fall," he laughs. "In the audience, there's a tiny part of you that's like, 'I

don't want them to fall, but there's a risk of it.' The audience is very much a part of this show."

## Guide hopes to smooth transition for newcomers

**IMMIGRANTS** The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a Newcomers' Guide to help attract and retain immigrants to the province.

At the launch last week, Mayor Peter Kelly said he hopes the guide will help immigrants make a smooth transition.

"People must navigate unfamiliar government processes, locate places to live, find their way around,

open bank accounts, register for schools — all the things we take for granted," he said in a release.

The guide includes help on connecting with cultural groups, resources for learning English and help for international students and their families. It can be found in HRM libraries, though customer service and call centres, and online at [www.halifax.ca/newcomers](http://www.halifax.ca/newcomers). **METRO HALIFAX**

## Family dog saves 4 from fire

**FIRE** A dog is being credited with saving the lives of four New Glasgow residents early Monday after a fire broke out in their Stelarton Road home.

New Glasgow Fire Chief Russell Mosher says the family had no batteries in their smoke detectors and likely wouldn't have woken up in time to escape a blaze shortly after 12:30

a.m. if the family dog hadn't sent up the alert. The three adults and child were able to escape the house "just in time," he said.

The fire was mostly contained to the dining room in the house and it's believed to be accidental in nature. The remainder of the home experienced smoke damage.

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## News in brief

**CHARITY GAME** The Legendary Hockey Heroes are returning to Halifax for the Battle of the Badges charity game on Saturday at the Halifax Forum at 7 p.m. Former Toronto Maple Leafs forward Gary Leeman and fellow former NHLer Jimmy Mann will join the east and west teams of the firefighters

with the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services. Former NHLer Jack Valiquette is the game's referee. Tickets are \$20 each or \$60 for a family of four, plus taxes. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket sold will aid local charities and organizations.

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## Casino blames poor economy for laying off employees in Sydney

**POSITIONS** More than a dozen employees of Casino Nova Scotia in Sydney have been told their jobs no longer exist, with a company spokesperson blaming a poor economy for the layoffs.

Howard Blank of the Great Canadian Gaming Corp., which owns and operates the Sydney and Halifax casinos, said the company has reduced 16 or more part-time and full-time positions effective immediately.

The Sydney location em-



ploys 100 to 200 non-unionized employees, with adjustments made to suit the amount of business taking place at the facility, Blank said.

Great Canadian said it plans to make business vi-

able across the country and has announced layoffs at other facilities, including some in Halifax over the last few months.

In April last year, the company announced more than 100 people would lose their jobs at Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax and that business hours would be reduced.

Blanks said the layoffs are in no way related to casino renovations or upgrades as they fall under a different area of the budget. **CAPE BRETON POST**

## Court orders new election for African seat

**BOARD** A Supreme Court of Nova Scotia judge has ordered a new election for the African Nova Scotia seat on the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board.

Justice Ted Scanlan, in a decision dated last Thursday, said the Oct. 18 election was to "be declared void and a new election to elect the

African Nova Scotian member ... shall be held as soon as such can be arranged by the responsible parties."

Shirley Robinson-Levering, who lost the election by a handful of

votes to incumbent Elizabeth Paris, made the court application after discovering irregularities about who was able to vote.

The seat represents African Nova Scotian students from the New Brunswick border east to the Pictou-Antigonish county line and south to the Hants-Halifax county lines.

In order to be eligible to vote, people must have been an African Nova Scotian or the parent of an African Nova Scotian.

No date has been set for the election but both Robinson-Levering and Paris confirm they will seek the seat.

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Police in southwestern Ontario have released a video clip that may help identify a woman who led a missing Woodstock, Ont., girl away from her school six days ago. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Drug abuse increases in Prairies

The problems of injection drugs and used syringes are well-known in Saskatchewan's larger cities, but smaller northern communities are increasingly seeing them, officials say. Last year, after a drop box for needles was put in a park in La Ronge — a town of about 2,700 people — about 1,200 needles were collected. Workers in the town were also called to pick up a small number of syringes left on the ground last year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, **visit [www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo](http://www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo) or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).**

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## Foreign spies target Canada

Commercial secrets valued: CSIS

**Foreign nations have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate Canada and steal valuable industrial, military and commercial secrets, the Canadian spy agency says in its latest annual report.**

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) also expressed concern about foreign interference in the country's domestic affairs, given Canada's multicultural makeup and large immigrant communities.

The report for the year 2007-2008 was quietly posted on the agency's website earlier this month with no publicity. No one at the agency was immediately available for comment.

"Foreign espionage —

the primary preoccupation of intelligence agencies right up until the 1990s — continued unabated after (the) 9-11 (attacks on the United States). It is in fact growing and becoming even more sophisticated and aggressive through the application of new technologies," the report said.

Foreign spies are interested in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology, communications, oil exploitation, mining, aerospace and control systems engineering, it said.

CSIS also noted that Canada — as a member of NATO and the signatory to numerous defence agreements — had access to military technologies through its allies.

**REUTERS**

## Bomb kills soldier, wounds 4

**DEATH** A young woman Canadian soldier was killed Monday in southern Afghanistan and four other soldiers



Blais

were wounded when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb, the military said yesterday.

Karine Blais, 21, was the second female soldier from Canada to die on active duty in Afghanistan. The first was killed in 2006.

### Casualties of war

Here are figures for foreign military deaths as a result of violence or accidents in Afghanistan since 2001:

- Canada: 117
- Britain: 152
- U.S.: 677
- France: 27

Canada has now lost 117 soldiers since first deploying troops to Afghanistan in late 2002. About 2,800 Canadian soldiers are based in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011. **REUTERS**

## PM says Ottawa ready to help with Red River flooding crisis

**MANITOBA** While Prime Minister Stephen Harper centimetres, and that overland flooding was inundating roads and properties never flooded before. After touring the Morris, Man., area in a helicopter, Harper said that the government would help out in any way it could.



Harper

Forecasters said the crest just south of the Winnipeg floodway inlet would likely exceed 1979 levels by 15.25

"The federal government stands ready to assist in any way that is needed ... as the situation unfolds," he said.

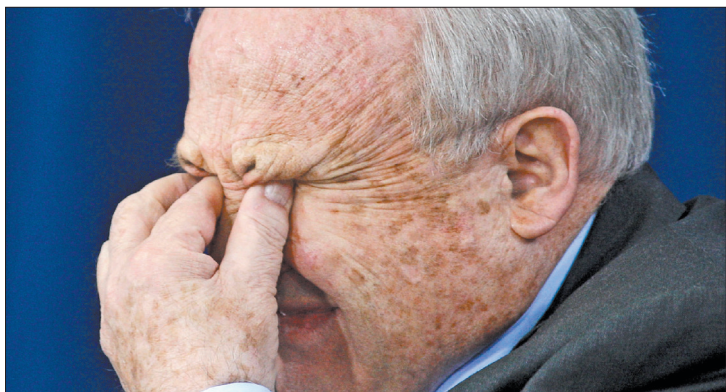
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**Pot, tobacco use increases risk: Study**

People who smoke tobacco and marijuana may have a high risk of developing lung disease, according to a new Canadian study. **REUTERS**

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German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber rubs his eyes while being questioned at the Oliphant Commission in Ottawa yesterday. The commission is probing Schreiber's business dealings with former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

## Schreiber feels the heat

Mulroney inquiry counsel keeps businessman in line

**A noticeably more subdued Karlheinz Schreiber took the stand yesterday at an inquiry into his cash dealings with former prime minister Brian Mulroney.**

For a moment, just before the inquiry resumed, it looked like the vintage Schreiber had shown up as he cautioned reporters to listen carefully because promised reporters he was going to expose "seven scandals in one."

But Schreiber quickly appeared to shrink under tough questioning from inquiry counsel Richard Wolson, who corrected him sharply when he appeared to be heading off on a tan-

gent.

Gone were the rambling outbursts that characterized his appearance late in 2007 and early 2008 before a parliamentary committee where he held court, spinning tales of unproven political scandals.

Rather than the free-for-all atmosphere of a political hearing, instead, the 75-year-old was taken to task for conflicting statements and reminded to stick to the issues at hand.

The German-Canadian businessman was the key player driving force behind a failed plan hatched in the late 1980s to build an armoured vehicle plant in Nova Scotia and then later

Quebec, and lobbied Mulroney repeatedly to throw his Progressive Conservative government's support behind the so-called Bear Head project.

Schreiber was quickly reined in when he insisted he was angry that the Bear Head deal did not get off the ground because of his interest in protecting Canadian soldiers, and not the loss of a few "bucks of commission."

Schreiber acknowledged later he stood to make up to \$1.8 billion in commissions if a proposed Canadian-made armoured vehicle had taken off internationally.

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## Nudist, woman face abuse charge

**CRIME** A 53-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman are accused of molesting a boy at a Township of King, Ont., nudist park in the 1990s.

Police said the victim became acquainted with the pair and was sexually abused from the age of six to 12, from 1992 to 1998.

"He (the male) has also been a member of several nudist parks in Ontario and in the province of Quebec," a police statement said.

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## News in brief

**POLITICS** Politicians on Canada's Pacific Coast hit the campaign trail yesterday for the start of a provincial election that could decide the fate of North America's first comprehensive carbon tax. British Columbia is the first province to hold an election since Canada slid into recession, although polls indicate the governing Liberal party is headed for another victory over the NDP when voters cast their ballots May 12.

REUTERS

## Canadian sailors make pirate contact

**PIRACY** Canadian sailors made rare and fleeting contact with their pirate foes after responding to a hijacked ship on a busy, lawless day off the coast of Somalia, said senior officials involved in a NATO anti-piracy mission.

Two vessels were successfully taken over yesterday by increasingly agitated Somali pirates, while a third attack carried out with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons was ultimately unsuccessful.

There were also reports that two Egyptian fishing boats had been taken earlier in the week by pirates in the Gulf of Aden, though NATO officials could not provide confirmation or further details.

HMCS Winnipeg, lauded over the past week for thwarting two attempted takeovers, was on escort duty in the Gulf of Aden, off the northern Somali coast, around midnight

## Vengeance vow

• In revenge for the killing of their hostage-takers in recent days pirates have threatened to escalate their activities against foreign vessels.

when word first came that a Greek-owned vessel, the MV Irene E.M., was under sneak attack from a band of pirates.

The Canadian frigate was 100 miles away, but that was too far and the pirates were too close. Within three minutes, a second call came through that the ship had been taken.

"The attack was quite unusual because the pirates usually do not attack during the night time ... They realized probably too late that they had been boarded," Lt.-Cmdr. Alexandre Santos Fernandes said.

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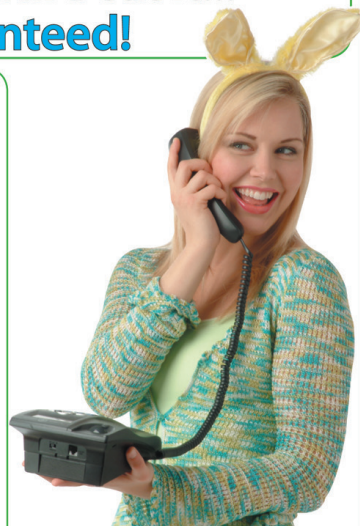
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Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, under pressure from conservatives, has signed a regulation imposing Islamic law in the northwestern Swat valley as part of a deal to end Taliban violence. Critics say the move shows a lack of capacity and lack of will to fight the Taliban and al Qaeda. **REUTERS**

# World



## Saudi police unravel hoax

Saudi police are investigating a hoax that had hundreds of people believing old sewing machines may bring fortune because they contained an elusive, and probably mythical, substance known as red mercury. Some buyers were willing to pay up to 200,000 riyals (\$65,000) for an old Singer sewing machine "proven" to contain red mercury. **REUTERS**

## North Korea orders nuclear watchdogs out

**PYONGYANG** North Korea yesterday ordered International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors out of the country and said it would resume making plutonium, the UN nuclear watchdog said.

Pyongyang acted after declaring it would leave six-party talks on nuclear disarmament in the country and reactivate its nuclear weapons plant in response to a UN rebuke over its launching of a long-range rocket. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**THAILAND** Anti-government protesters in Bangkok surrendered yesterday as the New Year holiday began. Arrest warrants have been issued for former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose followers staged the protests, and 13 pro-Thaksin leaders.

**SUDAN** A crowd of demonstrators burnt shops and cars in a market in Khartoum yesterday, a day after nine Darfuri men were executed. **REUTERS**

## France seeks to end forced marriage

**France launched a new campaign to warn potential victims of forced marriages and female genital mutilation yesterday, with stark posters and booklets showing a wedding ring made of barbed wire.**

France is home to an estimated 55,000 victims of female genital mutilation,

mostly of African origin, and some 70,000 young women who are at risk of being forced into marriage, government officials said at a news conference.

European governments have ramped up efforts to protect girls of Asian, Middle Eastern or African descent who are lured abroad

and married off.

Victims of genital mutilation are often children of primary school age subjected to the ordeal during holidays, activists said. The operation is meant to ensure a woman's chastity and improve her chances of finding a husband.

France plans to distrib-

### Saudi regulation

• Saudi Arabia will regulate marriages of young girls, after a court refused to nullify the marriage of an eight-year-old to a 58-year-old man.

ute more than 100,000 booklets providing legal

and medical advice and contacts for victims, doctors and social workers.

"The booklets are useful for people who can read and write, but the majority of parents I talk to are illiterate," said Khady Koita, head of the European network against female genital mutilation. **REUTERS**

## Somali pirates seize two ships, attack two more

**INDIAN OCEAN** Somali pirates hijacked two more cargo vessels and attempted to board two more yesterday, including a U.S.-flagged ship.

The capture of the Greek-owned MV Irene E.M. and Togo-flagged MV Sea Horse showed pirates have not been deterred by two raids in which U.S. and French forces killed five pirates.

NATO said a Portuguese warship received a pre-dawn distress call from the Irene E.M. The East African Seafarers' Assistance Pro-

gramme said the ship's 22 Filipino crew members were all unharmed.

Hours later, the MV Sea Horse was seized about 143 kilometres off Somalia by pirates on board three or four skiffs.

Pirates yesterday also attacked a U.S.-flagged merchant ship, an unidentified NATO source said, but were unable to board the craft.

Earlier yesterday, the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia was attacked with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. **REUTERS**

## Mexico Extraordinary seizure



Mexican federal police present weapons and ammunition along with Anahi Beltran, 20, whom they arrested during their seizure, in Mexico City yesterday. Beltran was caught near the U.S. border allegedly guarding an extraordinary arsenal of weapons — including an antiaircraft gun, the first of its kind seized in Mexico — allegedly belonging to the powerful Beltran Leyva drug cartel.

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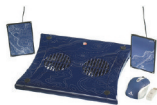


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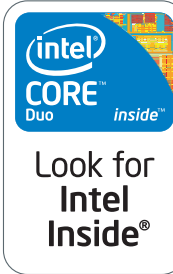
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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Why are cops camera-shy?

Incidents of seized photos, videos should be alarming

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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A policeman's lot is not a happy one. Gilbert and Sullivan got that right. On the one hand, we expect the thin blue security blanket will keep our streets and homes safe, and maybe that expectation is unrealistic, considering all the sharks and other predators on the prowl these days.

On the other, we depend on police to model saint-like behaviour as they try to control crime, and whenever they go over the line or even come close to it, we all shriek in unison: "police brutality."

As often as not, they go to all that trouble to arrest and charge the bad guys, who just laugh because they know some soft judge will put them back on the

street to prey and prey again.

But whatever happens, we should be able to count on the boys and girls in blue to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Here in Vancouver, that's not a sure thing.

Exhibit A: A recent photograph of newspaper photographer Jason Payne which appears to show him held in

manhandled a citizen and journalist and confiscated his property, even though the photographer had broken no laws and the officer had no warrant and had not made an arrest. The officer simply took the law into his own hands.

Coming after a number of high-profile incidents of police in Vancouver, er, upholding the law with extreme prejudice, including an all too similar incident when police seized the cellphone of a man who captured a fatal police shooting on a downtown street, you have to wonder what it is about a camera that brings out the worst in our

city's finest.

Then, of course, there's the infamous Dziekanski incident, in which RCMP officers Tasered a confused Polish traveller for the crime of brandishing a sta-

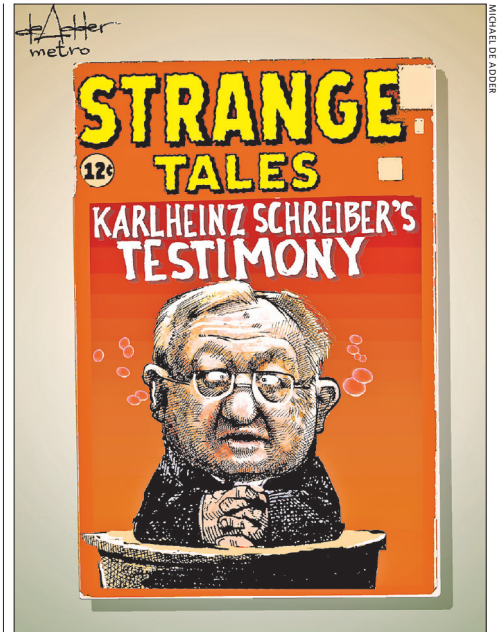
pler, then tried to confiscate the cellphone video evidence after the event. But it was too late. That video now stands as tragic witness to police allegedly abusing their power.

Apparently, police are having trouble deciding which threat to pursue, law breakers or picture takers. Surely they know now that everyone over the age of four has a camera phone, it's useless to try to stamp out video evidence. As in the Jason Payne case, there's always a backup citizen journalist in the crowd.

So the police might as well just do their best in the full light of day. Then they never have to worry about who's photographing whom.



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## Letters

### Euro comparison flawed

Re: *Reforming health care means reforming illusions*

Although we agree with Dr. Keith Martin, member of Parliament from B.C., that Canadian health care needs to be improved, there is no evidence to support his assertion that more private competition is the best solution. In fact, Europe has produced much evidence to the contrary.

Governments in Canada spend less on health care than most European countries. Dr. Martin's comment that Canada spends more on health care than the average European country, although true, is misleading because the private sector in Canada spends more on health care than in many European countries according to the OECD.

Dr. Martin glosses over debates raging in many European countries about the integration of private and public services. For example, in one of France's national newspapers, three doctors recently pointed out that increased competition in the hospital sector has re-

sulted in exorbitant extra-billing. According to a French official equivalent to our auditor general, the extra-billing has reached €2 billion (\$3.3 billion) a year. Documents filed by the government of British Columbia during the court case with owners of private for-profit clinics reveal that extra-billing will also be part of Canada's future if there is increased private-sector involvement in health care.

We all know that Canadian health care is far from perfect. Dr. Martin is right to push for change, but we strongly disagree with his prescription. The evidence in Canada, Europe and the United States shows that it is within the publicly funded, not-for-profit health system that Canadians get the best value for money. Let's stick with evidence-based solutions that will benefit all Canadians, not just those who can afford to pay.

LINDA SILAS, PRESIDENT, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF NURSES UNIONS, KAAREN NEUFELD, PRESIDENT CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR NURSES FOR MEDICARE, AND DR. DANIELLE MARTIN, CHAIR, CANADIAN DOCTORS FOR MEDICARE

## Word on the street: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace: Which do you prefer and why?

### Jason Lammers

age 23, Calgary

A: Facebook, because it's easier to use. Myspace is more American, and Twitter is like a cheap Facebook with less applications.

### Kari Pedersen

age 18, Calgary

A: Facebook, because Twitter is really random and hard to understand. It's easier to connect with your friends on Facebook.

### Kris Haig-Brown

age 22, Toronto

A: None of them. I'm way too cool for that crap.

### Mike Beall

age 24, Ottawa

A: I don't have either. I prefer phone conversations.

### Sara Tchoryk

age 24, Montreal

A: I only use Facebook. I've never been on the other ones.

### Vincent Goreham

age 24, Halifax

A: The only one I use is Facebook. I don't have a smartphone for Twitter. The only time I use MySpace is to check out bands.



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Vale Inco begins work on nickel processing plant

Despite the global economic chill, mining giant Vale Inco is pushing ahead with a \$2.2-billion plan to build a nickel processing plant in southern Newfoundland. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Business

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## Rescue is working: Obama

But U.S. data on falling retail sales cause stocks to drop

**President Barack Obama said yesterday his economic measures were starting to work, but government data showed an unexpected 1.1 per cent drop in U.S. retail sales in March and U.S. stocks retreated sharply.**

Goldman Sachs sold \$5 billion US of stock, a day after the bank sparked confidence by beating forecasts with its first-quarter profit, saying it wanted to pay back \$10 billion in government bailout money it does not need.

But a source said the U.S.

## Bernanke hopeful

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the latest figures on hous-

ing and consumer spending suggest a rapid contraction in the economy could be easing.

Treasury was worried Goldman's repayment could make other banks appear weak.

In Europe, disappointing earnings for Dutch electronics giant Philips added to evidence the recession was still taking its toll, while Swiss bank UBS was set to cut more jobs.

Obama said moves to re-capitalise banks, strengthen the housing market and rescue the auto sector were "necessary pieces of the recovery puzzle."

"And taken together, these actions are starting to generate signs of economic progress," he said.

But White House eco-

nomer adviser Christina Romer said the economy was still contracting.

"We know the economy's still sick," Romer told NBC television.

U.S. stocks were around two per cent lower as the poor numbers for retail sales and producer prices offset better-than-expected quarterly results from health-care group Johnson & Johnson.

Outside the United States, shares rose on the Goldman Sachs results despite the weak U.S. data.

REUTERS

## New York Waiting and hoping



Trading specialist John Cetera of Hamilton Executions LLC works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

## Telus to spend \$700M in Alberta

**TELECOM** Telus Corp., Canada's No. 2 phone company, plans to spend more than \$700 million this year on building telecom infrastructure in Alberta, the company said yesterday.

The announcement comes about a month after the company said it would spend about \$500 million in its home province of British Columbia.

## Jobs

Telus said the investment, which is in line with its capital expenditure outlook for 2009, is expected to support more than 2,100 jobs.

Telus said that, as in British Columbia, its Alberta spending will focus

mostly on advanced wireless and wireline broadband technology.

Telus is currently working with rival BCE Inc. on a next-generation wireless network upgrade.

This network should be ready by early 2010 and could help the companies compete against wireless market leader Rogers Communications Inc. **REUTERS**

## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

## Condo concerns:

Local residents are worried about how developer WM Fares Group's bid to build a 23-storey condo tower on the Bedford Highway, near the entrance to Clayton Park, might affect the view, traffic and light pollution in their community.

## Xperion to decide fate of Yarmouth plant:

Xperion, the company investigating the possibility of making composite airplane parts in Yarmouth, was to have opened a factory by now, but plans changed last fall when the world economy took a turn for the worse. A decision on the plant's future is expected in May.

## Entrepreneur's resource:

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## Business in brief

**TAKEOVER** Nova Chemicals Corp. shareholders voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favour of Abu Dhabi-based In-

ternational Petroleum Investment Corp.'s \$500-million US takeover of the raw plastics manufacturer.

**MEDIA** Canwest Global Communications Corp. yesterday announced yet another extension to lender talks until April

21, just as Moody's Investors Service downgraded Canwest Media Inc.

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**Beckett suspended six games**

Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended six games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports

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## Zeke gets another coaching gig

Former Toronto Raptors VP and New York Knicks president and coach Isaiah Thomas was hired by Florida International University yesterday to coach their men's basketball team. The Knicks finished 23-59 a year ago, prompting Thomas' firing. They never won a playoff game in his stay as president or coach, and his overall record in New York was 56-108.

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# Familiar faces in Cup quest

Former Mooseheads, local talent gearing up for NHL playoffs

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**A year ago, Jakub Voracek was chasing the President's Cup with the Halifax Mooseheads. This spring, he is chasing the Stanley Cup as a rookie with the Columbus Blue Jackets.**

The 19-year-old right-winger is one of a handful of names familiar to Halifax hockey fans in the NHL playoffs. The Blue Jackets, making their first playoff appearance in their eight-season existence, are facing the defending champion Detroit Red Wings in the Western Conference quarter-finals.

Voracek, who recently placed fourth in voting for the Mooseheads' all-time fan favourite, placed 10th in rookie scoring with nine goals and 29 assists for 37 points in 80 games.

He is expected to see ice time on one of Columbus' top lines.

Here is a look at some other names chasing the Stanley Cup.

**SIDNEY CROSBY**, C, Pittsburgh (vs. Philadelphia). The Cole Harbour native is a little more than a familiar name, but he'll renew a rivalry with the Flyers in the Eastern quarter-finals after the third 100-point campaign of his career.

**J.S. GIGUERE**, G, Anaheim (vs. San Jose). Even though the former Mooseheads star won the Conn Smythe in 2003 and a Stanley Cup in 2007, he might not be the Ducks' starter. Jonas Hiller's



Former Halifax Moosehead Jakub Voracek is chasing the Stanley Cup as a rookie with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

numbers are superior in equal time.

**MILAN JURCINA**, D, Washington (vs. NYR). After the prolific 31-goal, 73-point Mike Green, Jurcina is the Capitals' most productive defenceman with 14 points. The former Moosehead averages 15-plus minutes per

game.

**JODY SHELLEY**, LW, San Jose (vs. Anaheim). The former Mooseheads captain and Yarmouth native will provide toughness in an all-California clash. He had two goals and 116 penalty minutes in 70 games in a depth role.

**ALEX TANGUAY**, LW, Montreal (vs. Boston). If the Habs upset the Bruins, Tanguay and linemates Saku Koivu and Alexei Kovalev will need to shine. The former Mooseheads star had 41 points in an injury-shortened 50-game season.

**OTHER NOTABLES:** For-

mer Cape Breton Screaming Eagles D Adam Pardy, Calgary (vs. Chicago); Port Hawkesbury D Aaron Johnson, Chicago (vs. Calgary); New Glasgow D Colin White, New Jersey (vs. Carolina); former Cole Harbour resident and C Sean Avery, NYR (vs. Washington).

## Islanders win draft lottery

**NHL** The New York Islanders won the NHL's draft lottery last night and will have the top selection in Montreal on June 26.

It appears that they'll have to choose between highly touted centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman. Under the lottery system, only the five teams with the fewest points had the chance to win the first overall selection.

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## NHL Draft lottery

Last night's results

1. New York Islanders
2. Tampa Bay Lightning
3. Colorado Avalanche
4. Atlanta Thrashers
5. Los Angeles Kings
6. Phoenix Coyotes
7. Toronto Maple Leafs
8. Dallas Stars
9. Ottawa Senators
10. Edmonton Oilers
11. Nashville Predators
12. Minnesota Wild
13. Buffalo Sabres
14. Florida Panthers

## Sports in brief

**QMJHL** The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles' season is over after a 3-0 loss to the Quebec Remparts last night in the QMJHL quarter-finals. The Screaming Eagles were eliminated 4-3 in the best-of-seven series before a crowd of 13,861 at Pepsi Colisee in Quebec City. Charles Lavigne earned a 28-save shutout for the Remparts and former Mooseheads defenceman Guillaume Monast was the third star. The Remparts face the Shawinigan Cataractes in one semifinal, while former Mooseheads forward Logan MacMillan and the Rimouski Oceanic meet the Drummondville Voltigeurs in the other. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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St. Louis at Vancouver	
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Montreal at Boston	
Columbus at Detroit	
Calgary at Chicago	
Anaheim at San Jose	

## Huskies picked for East-West Bowl

**FOOTBALL** Adam Baboulas and Dan Schutte of the Saint Mary's Huskies have been named to the East roster for Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's East-West Bowl on May 9.

Baboulas, an Oshawa, Ont., native, is a third-year offensive lineman. Schutte, a second-year Red Deer, Alta., native, was a second-team all-Canadian defensive tackle.

The East-West Bowl will

be hosted by the University of Western Ontario at TD Waterhouse Stadium in London, Ont., at 2 p.m. It primarily serves as a showcase of players eligible for the 2010 Canadian Football League draft.



Dan Schutte

Halifax's Will Tanner, a wide receiver with the Acadia Axemen, and Terence Bay's Adrian Saturley, an Axemen defensive end, also earned spots on the East roster.

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## Sports in brief

**BASKETBALL** The Rochester RazorSharks and Battle Creek Knights will meet in the Premier Basketball League's best-of-three final. The defending champion RazorSharks advanced by beating the Manchester Millrats in one semifinal, while the Knights knocked out the Wilmington Sea Dawgs and former Halifax Rainmen forward Kadir Richard in the other.

**QMJHL** Cape Breton Screaming Eagles forward Robert Slaney has signed a three-

year entry-level contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Slaney, who was never drafted, had 36 goals and 45 assists for 81 points in 63 games this season.

**HOCKEY** Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Daniel Sparre is heading to the Iserlohn Roosters of the German Elite League, the team's official website has announced. Sparre, 24, spent last season in the top Italian pro league, where he recorded 34 points in 42 games.

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## Moosehead ranks 80th for NHL draft

**HOCKEY** Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Gabriel O'Connor sits 80th among North American skaters in Central Scouting's final ranking for June's NHL entry draft.

O'Connor, 18, had a goal, 13 assists and 128 penalty minutes in 68 games in his third year with the Herd.

Olivier Roy of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles is second among North American goalies.

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CÉLIA PEDROSO  
Metro World News



Lisbon is one of the few European capitals that can boast excellent beaches only a 15-minute car ride away. Golden beaches stretch out either side of the River Tagus, the river that flows by Portugal's capital city before joining the sea.

During the day locals come to sunbathe in the dunes, stroll on the beach and lunch al fresco, and by night they let their hair down in the buzzing bars and discos. Now that smoking has been banned in restaurants and bars, Lisbon's party people have even more reason to spend their summer in these open-air playgrounds, with the sea as their backdrop. Here's our guide to the hottest beach bars on the Lisbon coast.

### ON THE SOUTH BANK: COSTA DA CAPARICA



For three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places on the Costa da Caparica.

#### Delmare Café: Surf and fun

For the past three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places to hang out on the Costa da Caparica. During the day this restaurant and bar is a welcoming place for bathers and surfers from the café's surf school looking for a refreshing fruit juice or lunch of salad or fresh, grilled fish. The party moves to the beach in the evening, with DJs and live music late into the night. Fridays and Saturdays are particularly

crowded, with an influx of younger customers. (Praia Cabana do Pescador, Costa da Caparica, [delmare-cafe.com](http://delmare-cafe.com))

#### Borda D'Água: Juices, milkshakes and loungers

This is one of the hottest destinations on the Costa da Caparica — especially with the Lisbon residents who endure long lines of traffic to get there. Have a sandwich or salad for lunch on the terrace, or move onto their part of the beach where you can relax on a lounger with a caipirinha, morangosca, sangria, natural juices or milkshakes in the shade of a straw umbrella. Borda d'Água becomes especially charming in the early evening, when you can dine on fresh grilled fish as you watch the dazzling sun set into the sea. Enjoy the cool tunes and a drink while you're cradled by the warm breeze. (Praia Morena — Costa da Caparica, [bordadagua.com.pt](http://bordadagua.com.pt))

### ON THE NORTH BANK: CASCAIS Bar do Guincho: Windsurf

#### and sangria

Open all year long, the Bar do Guincho is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. Guincho beach is a "sanctuary" for windsurf and surf lovers, with refreshing but angry waves from March to October, and the best conditions for windsurfing in July and August. Bar do Guincho is a haven for surfers with a shop, lockers and a large terrace for drinks, dinner and parties with DJs and live music. Sandwiches and toasts are a must, as are the salads and shellfish dishes. Try the house cocktail "Bar do Guincho," with Baileys and Coconut Shake, the caipirinhas and the white and the green wines. (Guincho-Cascais, [bardoguincho.pt](http://bardoguincho.pt))

#### Bafureira: Sushi and caipirinhas

This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril is famous for its caipirinhas, morangostas and mojitos. You can also enjoy a late dinner of delicious tapas and grilled fish and shellfish dishes or Japanese food at Sushinal-



Bar do Guincho, open all year long, is a Cascais hotspot.

inha, as their kitchens are open until 2 a.m. A fabulous setting for a glass of local wine in the late afternoon with a view over Cascais Bay, the Bafureira has terraces on two floors with wooden chairs and tables,

and chaise-longues with extra-comfortable ergonomic mattresses. It is a good spot for thirtysomethings and is easy to get by train, from Lisbon. (Praia da Bafureira, S. Pedro do Estoril, [bafureira.net](http://bafureira.net))



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# Feats for the fierce and fearless

These adventures are guaranteed to test your limits ... and your bladder control

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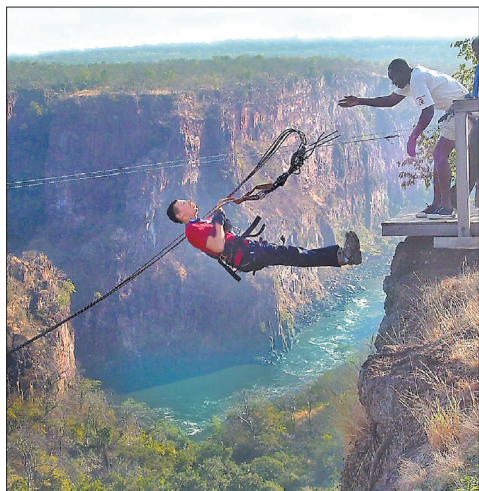
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If you're an adrenaline junkie looking for heart-stopping, jaw-dropping thrills and spills, check out these daring activities offered around the world:

## Zambezi Swing

The Zambezi Swing, in the quaint town of Livingstone, Zambia, offers up an extreme activity similar to bungee jumping. Adventurers are outfitted in gear, secured to a wire and led to a platform from which they free fall 50 metres — and then finish with a pendulum swing at 120 kilometres per hour across the Batoka Gorge.

Zambia is one of the only places in the world that offers a gorge swing experi-



Jumping off of the Zambezi Swing in Livingstone, Zambia.

ence. It's perfect for adventure seekers keen on testing their nerves and bladder control. Visit thezambeziwing.com.

## Mono-bob

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## Zero Gravity

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## Macau Tower jump

Those who are brave enough to take on the world's highest bungee jump should head to Macau, a casino-clad city just a short trip from Hong Kong.

From the 61st floor of the Macau Tower platform, jumpers will plummet 233

metres towards the earth at 200 kilometres per hour in a wicked, gut-wrenching free fall. This operation is owned by A.J. Hackett, dubbed the "father of bungee jumping," who manages adrenaline-based activities all over the world. See macau-world.com.

## Zorbing

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# Metro Drive

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## Mazda6 a winner

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada

**Getting there, as they say, is half the fun.**

On a recent family excursion to the Algonquin Park area for a few days vacation, I booked a 2009 Mazda6 GT V6 because it was a double standout last year.

It won its category (Best New Family Car, \$22,000-\$30,000) at the annual Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Car of the Year awards. Then it almost took the overall COY title losing by one, single point to the Hyundai Genesis.

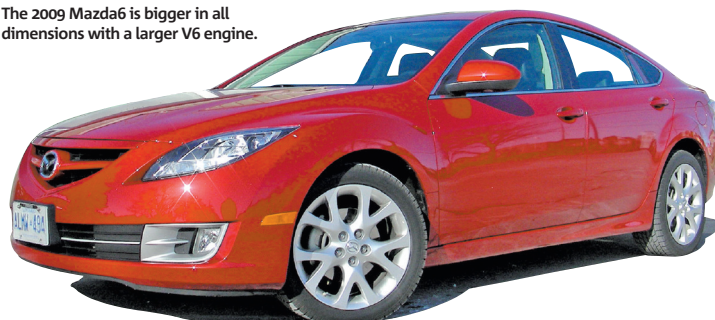
The 2009 model is easily the best-looking Mazda6 yet.

From the front fenders back, you can see how the lines in some of Mazda's recent concepts were moulded into the overall structure. An example is a very subtle and elegant "S" curve that flows from the high point of the roof down and back to the tip of the rear deck.

But the most pronounced feature of the external styling is the way the front fenders flare out like wings, and along with the five-point grille, gives the car the look of a broad arrow. Starting with the RX-8 sportscar then the CX-7 CUV and more recently the 2010 Mazda3, this is now the signature styling cue for the entire model lineup.

The 2009 Mazda6 is larger than the previous version in every dimension. Wheelbase is lengthened by 115

The 2009 Mazda6 is bigger in all dimensions with a larger V6 engine.



### 2009 Mazda6 GT V6

**Type:** Mid-size sedan  
**Price:** GS I4, \$22,695; GS V6, \$27,695; GT I4, \$27,695; GT V6, \$33,495. GT V6 as tested, \$35,460

**Engine:** 2.5-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder (170 hp, 167 lb/ft) 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (272 hp, 269 lb/ft)

### Highlights

- New model larger than previous incarnation
- Blind spot warning system

mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm, while overall width is increased by 60 mm.

Both front and rear occupants benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, and legroom. Cargo capacity has grown by 39 litres to 469 litres. That 10 per cent increase in cargo volume results in a very high trunk deck.

There is a drawback. In creating all that trunk room the high deck lid makes reversing problematic. Ergo, you will have to

be very careful when backing up not to hit objects like posts. There is no parking assist audible warning available.

The steering wheel has a nice feel to it and the instruments, with amber and violet display hues, are easy on the eyes.

Tested here is the GT V6, and my wife, son and I each drove the car and found the power driver's seat could be adjusted for three very different body shapes. The best part is, with three memory settings, all of us could be happy.

One of Mazda's prime objectives was to include "Zoom, Zoom" in the ride and handling. In other words, the 2009 Mazda6 had to have the "soul of a sports car."

What stuck out was the small turning circle, making steering and parking much easier than a lot of other front-drivers.

We all commented on the big brakes that are very solid in actuation that leads to a feel of confidence behind the wheel.

My tester was equipped



The interior of the 2009 Mazda6 (GT V6 shown) borrows a lot of the flagship CX-9.

with the blind spot system that lit up an icon in either mirror each time a car came into the blind spot zone.

It also lets out an audible beep if you move into another lane and a car is in the blind spot.

### AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

Read the column at [metronews.ca/autopilot](http://metronews.ca/autopilot)

## iMiEV going global

After months of speculation, Mitsubishi Motors has announced that its pure electric, four-passenger iMiEV will be sold globally, including Canada and the U.S., Canadian Driver reports. The iMiEV will be on Canadian roads as early as November 2009 as part of a pilot project in British Columbia, according to Mitsubishi.

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## Across Rockies on a tank of gas

ANDREA WOO  
for Metro Canada

**"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet."**

James Tansey, one of the drivers

Sure, it was an effective way to showcase a fuel-efficient vehicle and an eco-friendly blend of gas, but one big reason why four men drove two cars from Calgary to Vancouver on single tanks of gas was simply to stroke the male ego.

Last year, Halifax Volkswagen dealer Mike Velemirovich drove a Volkswagen TDI more than 1,100 kilometres from Halifax to Montreal to see his favourite hockey team play, the Canadiens.

This year, Calgary Volkswagen dealer Jerry Sturko challenged him to a repeat, but this time from Calgary to Vancouver to catch a Flames-Canucks game.

"I said to him, 'Well, (driving from Halifax to Montreal) is not bad, I guess, but the real test would be to take these TDIs over the Rocky Mountains (from Calgary) to Vancouver,'" said Sturko.

"It kind of grew out of guys being guys, basically, into the idea of doing this on a scale to really test and showcase the vehicles," said James Tansey, one of the four drivers and president of Offsetters, a Vancouver-based company that works to reduce climate impact.

Along with Vancouver Volkswagen dealer Jim Tompkins, a consultant and a videographer, the group — dressed in hockey and referee jerseys — met

in Calgary and piled into two Volkswagen TDIs at 4:30 a.m. on April 7.

Running on a blend of diesel and five per cent biodiesel, the two cars arrived in Vancouver 15 hours later — just in time to see the Canucks defeat the Flames.

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet," said Tansey, who also emphasized the importance of driving intelligently by not accelerating and breaking hard, for example.

The journey, which included a few spontaneous stops, totalled 1,075 kilometres.

One of the cars was down to just one and a half litres of fuel upon arriving in Vancouver.

What would they have done if they didn't make it?

"Well, we would have been stuck at the side of the road and we would have been testing Volkswagen's emergency support service," said Tansey with a laugh.



(Left to right) Mike Velemirovich of Halifax, Jim Tompkins, James Tansey and Jerry Sturko in Vancouver's Stanley Park last week. The group drove from Calgary to Vancouver on one tank of gas, and in time to catch the night's Calgary Flames-Vancouver Canucks game.

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Mark Wahlberg and James Franco have just signed on to a new film and they join an impressive group of co-stars. They have been cast in the comedy Date Night, which stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a married couple, Variety reports. [MSN.COM](http://msn.com)

# Entertainment

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## Friends unveil star for George Harrison

**Former Beatle George Harrison received a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame yesterday, with a little help from such friends as Paul McCartney, Eric Idle and Tom Hanks.**

As about one thousand fans looked on, Harrison's star was unveiled outside the landmark Capitol Records tower by his Los Angeles-born widow Olivia and 30-year-old son Dhani.

"He was a beautiful, mystical man living in a material world, and he was as funny as the day is long, and just as perplexing," Olivia said. "George, this day is for you."

Added Hanks, "All things must pass, sure. But George is going to live forever."

Harrison died of cancer in 2001, aged 58. Idle, a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, noted that Harrison actually drew his last breath in McCartney's Los Angeles home, "and it's one of the reasons I won't go and stay with John Cleese."

McCartney did not speak to the crowd, but instead rubbed Olivia Harrison's shoulders, joked with



Paul McCartney, left, talks with George Harrison's widow, Olivia Harrison, at a Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony.

Dhani and waved to fans.

Other guests included Jeff Lynne and Tom Petty, who played with Harrison in the Traveling Wilburys, Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh, producer T-Bone Burnett, and Olivia's sister Linda Arias. Capitol, which paid \$25,000 US to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the star, said it would release a hits collection spanning Harrison's solo career on June 16.

Let It Roll: Songs By George Harrison will feature such tunes as My Sweet Lord and Got My Mind Set On You. **REUTERS**

## Marley remixes reggae for kids

**MUSIC** Children's music is dominating Ziggy Marley's melody making these days — both for himself and on behalf of his father, Bob Marley.

His new album, Family Time (May 5 on Tuff Gong), is a collection of what he refers to as "family music." Tracks include originals as well as covers of Woody Guthrie's This Train and

the Jamaican children's standard Hold Em Joe, along with two spoken-word pieces by actress Jamie Lee Curtis.

Other guests include Paul Simon, Willie Nelson, Jack Johnson, Toots Hibbert and his mother, Rita Marley. His daughter, Judah, three, who Marley calls his "muse" on the album, appears on the title track. **REUTERS**

## Breaking the news

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Canada

**As newsrooms slowly die across the country, one journalist is hunting for the killer. Well, a killer. In Russell Crowe's new movie, State of Play, he stars as a grizzled hack dodging bullets to track down a murderer, rekindling our love affair with silver screen ink slingers in the process.**

Anne McNeilly, assistant professor of journalism at Ryerson University, thinks movies set in newsrooms are so popular because the work itself is exhilarating.

"As soon as news happens anywhere, you know about it first. 9/11, how exciting was that? A hostage taking downtown, you know about in a second. It's a buzz."

McNeilly started in small papers before working 25 years for the Globe & Mail and Ottawa Citizen. It was movies like All the President's Men that drew her to newspapers.

"Journalists get hooked on that adrenaline rush, because it's like a drug. You get so addicted you can't leave the biz," she explains. That excitement translates to the viewer.

"I love movies about newsrooms," she says, citing His Girl Friday and Deadline USA as favourites.

"What's so unnerving (at Ryerson) is that lots of the students now have never heard of Woodward and Bernstein. They don't even know what Watergate is," she says. "They brought down a president! What's a



Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams star in State of Play, a political thriller about a rising politician and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated, brutal murders.

### All the news that's fit to film

Looking to investigate the journalism-on-film genre a little more closely? Here are Metro's suggestions:

- Shattered Glass
- The Killing Fields
- The Paper
- All the President's Men
- Broadcast News
- The Insider
- Absence of Malice
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Salvador
- Wag the Dog
- Blood Diamonds
- Capote
- Citizen Kane
- The China Syndrome
- The Year of Living Dangerously

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bigger story than that?"

While her students retain some of the idealism of previous generations, they are already jaded and prefer a different kind of fictional news hound. "They like Jon Stewart or Rick Mercer. Some of them think what they are doing is journalism."

Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist, cites All the President's Men and another Crowe movie, The Insider, as great examples of the genre.

"The reporters in these films act as surrogates for the viewer. They ask the questions the viewer would ask," he explains. "You've

### Movie feature

got newspapers who are bringing down big, evil corporations or taking on city hall and winning. It really appeals to people."

Crouse highlights Billy Wilder's 1951 movie Ace in the Hole as a newsroom flick that got too close to the truth. Kirk Douglas plays an out-of-luck journalist who risks lives to stretch a news story that could save his career in Wilder's follow-up to Sunset Boulevard.

"It's a terrific movie, but it bombed really badly," he says. "Movie historians think the journalists who were reviewing the film were so offended by it that they trashed it."

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**Lost's Holloway welcomes daughter**

Lost heartthrob Josh Holloway and wife Yessica welcomed a daughter on April 9 in Oahu, People has exclusively confirmed. They named their baby girl Java Kumala Holloway. [PEOPLE.COM](http://PEOPLE.COM)

# The Runway winner

**RAFAEL BRUSILOV**  
for Metro Canada

**With consistency, creativity and skill, Toronto designer Sunny Fong followed his instincts to emerge victorious on last night's Project Runway Canada finale.**

Fong's win came as little surprise to viewers or his competitors as the 32-year-old designer had racked up the most challenge wins and garnered frequent praise from the judges throughout the competition.

Despite his talent, Fong says he struggled early on to find confidence in his work.

"My biggest challenge initially was believing in what I did. I had to get over that first, after that I learned to trust my own instincts," Fong said.

In the early stages of the competition, Fong figured he would stick to simple designs to stay under the radar as much as possible, but quickly shifted his strategy when he realized the judges meant business.



Project Runway Canada winner Sunny Fong.

"I went in thinking I'm going to do my best but be very safe. A few episodes in, I realized safe wasn't going to be good enough," Fong said.

While the time constraints to produce garments on the show were extreme, Fong says he thinks the challenge really brought the best out of designers.

"Working under pressure is sort of my thing. The whole rushed, mad

dash to get everything done is always the case with fashion. I think it really shows who is confident and ready to win," Fong said.

Fong started his own clothing line, named Vawk, in 2003 but closed it after just two years because he ran out of money. Before winning he had said if he didn't win he would probably give up on fashion forever.

Now with his win of \$100,000 and a retail mentorship at Winners, Fong hopes to use all the experience he has gained from Project Runway Canada to restart his brand and keep it afloat this time around.

"I'm hoping to get my line really stable and make sure it doesn't shut down again. I don't want to rush it," he said.

He has no secrets as to how he finds inspiration, although he says he gets plenty of ideas from hanging around the house.

"I get inspired from the things I see. Home decorating and interior design really inspires me because it's a lifestyle," Fong said.



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## critics' corner

### The Jon Dore Television Show

Just say no, kids, and don't try this at home. Actually, kids should just say no to this show altogether; between the subject matter and the language, it's definitely adult fare. In the season finale, after helping the police bust a pot smoker and then learning his neighbor uses marijuana for medicinal purposes, Jon is confused about drugs, why some are illegal and some aren't. He decides to educate himself by trying them. 11 PM on COMEDY



### NHL Hockey

Winter has turned to spring in most corners of the country except NHL fandom, where the season of ice extends into June with the onset of sports' most grueling and exciting postseason, the Stanley Cup playoffs. TSN kicks things off tonight with a conference quarterfinal contest, then splits coverage of the first three rounds with CBC Television. 8 PM on TSN

### Exotica

A tax inspector coerces a pet-shop owner into spying on the young stripper with whom he has become obsessed in this absorbing 1994 mystery from filmmaker Atom Egoyan. Seemingly random stories eventually prove to be interconnected in this eerie world in which people and their relationships usually are not what they may first appear to be. 8:10 PM on PIX





Actor Jason Priestley and his makeup artist wife Naomi Lowde are expecting their second child, his publicist told usmagazine.com. He and Lowde, who was sporting what looked like a baby bump, were spotted shopping over the weekend. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Priestley kid No. 2 on the way**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Zac's fan bribing

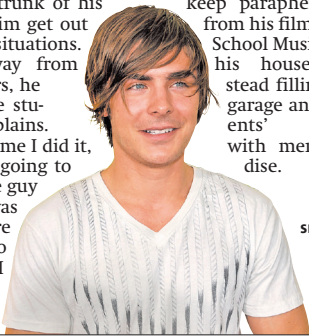
**PEOPLE** Zac Efron uses posters of himself as bribes, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor always keeps memorabilia of his films in the trunk of his car to help him get out of difficult situations.

To get away from photographers, he pulls into the studio lot, he explains.

"The first time I did it, they weren't going to let me in. The guy at the gate was like, 'What are you going to do for me?' I said, 'What do you want

me to do?' He's like, 'I got kids.' And I was like, 'Well, I got a poster in the trunk.'"

Efron said he hates to keep paraphernalia from his film *High School Musical* in his house, instead filling his garage and parents' home with merchandise.



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### Who's Miley?: Jamie

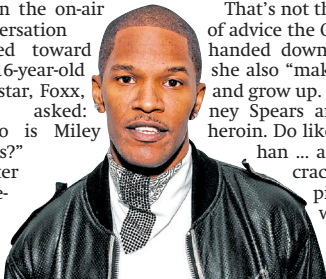
**PEOPLE** Actor Jamie Foxx had some choice words for Miley Cyrus on his Sirius radio show *The Foxxhole*, people.com reports.

When the on-air conversation veered toward the 16-year-old pop star, Foxx, 41, asked: "Who is Miley Cyrus?"

After someone ex-

plained she is the star of Hannah Montana, Foxx quipped, "The one with all the gums? She's got to get a gum transplant!"

That's not the only piece of advice the Oscar winner handed down, suggesting she also "make a sex tape and grow up. Get like Britney Spears and do some heroin. Do like Lindsay Lohan ... and get some crack in your pipe ... That's what I want."



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### New girlfriend for Chris?

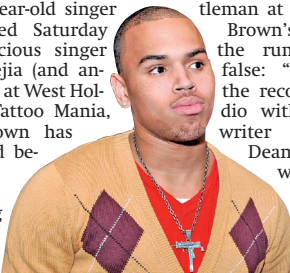
**RUMOUR** Chris Brown doesn't have a new girlfriend, usmagazine.com reports.

The 19-year-old singer was spotted Saturday with *Girlicious* singer Natalie Mejia (and another man) at West Hollywood's *Tattoo Mania*, where Brown has been inked before.

"Things are going well between us

..." Mejia, 20, coyly told radaronline.com. "(Brown) has treated me like a gentleman at all times."

Brown's rep says the rumours are false: "Chris left the recording studio with a songwriter named Dean. Natalie was with Dean."



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## Lindsay copes post-breakup

**PEOPLE** Lindsay Lohan celebrated her split from DJ lover Samantha Ronson with a new tattoo. The actress has had a famous line uttered by tragic Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe inked on her wrist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The phrase "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle" is surround-

ed by yellow, blue and green stars.

Lohan has been a long-time fan of the movie great — she recreated Monroe's famous nude 1962 photo to shoot for *New York* magazine last year.



Lohan may have had her share of problems, but she hasn't lost the ability to laugh at herself, people.com adds. In a new video posted at funnyordie.com, she parodies the ubiquitous ads for the dating service eHarmony.

"Hi, My name is Lindsay, and I'm looking for love. I'm recently single ... I think," she says, referring to her recent split with Samantha Ronson. "I'm looking for someone I can spend the rest of my life

with ... or at least the rest of my probation."

Lohan also references her DUI arrests by referring to herself as "a workaholic, a shopaholic, and, according to the state of California, an alcoholic."

In the video, she asks potential suitors if they can handle a "redhead with a little bit of sass, and by that I mean a redhead that's crazy," before rolling her eyes and saying, "Don't pretend like you don't know me. We've all read about it." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Mel's monster divorce?

**DIVORCE** Mel Gibson may soon be writing one of the biggest checks of his life — to his wife, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

With no indication that the estranged couple — who married 28 years ago — had a pre-nup, Robyn Gibson, 53, is legally entitled in their divorce to half of everything the actor-director-producer earned from their marriage in 1980 to the date of their legal separation: A fortune estimated at close to \$1 billion US.

"This could easily be one of the biggest divorce settlements in Hollywood history," says Los Angeles family lawyer Lynn Soodik, who's not involved with the case. "Any attor-

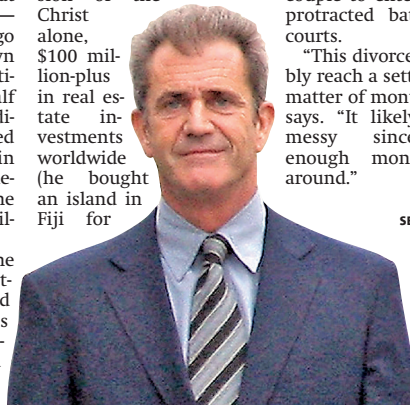
ney would advise her to take half."

Among Gibson's estimated assets: More than \$600 million grossed by *The Passion of the Christ* alone, \$100 million-plus in real estate investments worldwide (he bought an island in Fiji for

\$15 million in 2004), and \$75 million for film and TV projects for which Gibson executive produced.

But don't expect the ex-couple to enter a painful, protracted battle in the courts.

"This divorce will probably reach a settlement in a matter of months," Soodik says. "It likely won't be messy since there's enough money to go around."



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## Scientology school for Suri?

**PEOPLE** The Daily Mail is reporting that Suri Cruise is getting ready to start Scientology school soon after her third birthday, and will be attending L.A.'s New Village Academy, founded by Will Smith.

"(Mom) Katie (Holmes) is understandably a little anxious about being separated from Suri," a source tells the paper. But according to the school, the rumour's "not accurate information," a rep tells radaronline.com. "Students start at age four and above."



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## I was too peach, not pregnant: Mimi

**PEOPLE** Mariah Carey insists she is not pregnant: She was just wearing a bad outfit, usmagazine.com reports.

On Easter Sunday, Carey was photographed in a tight, peach



dress with husband Nick Cannon. Blogs soon began speculating that she was pregnant. "I don't

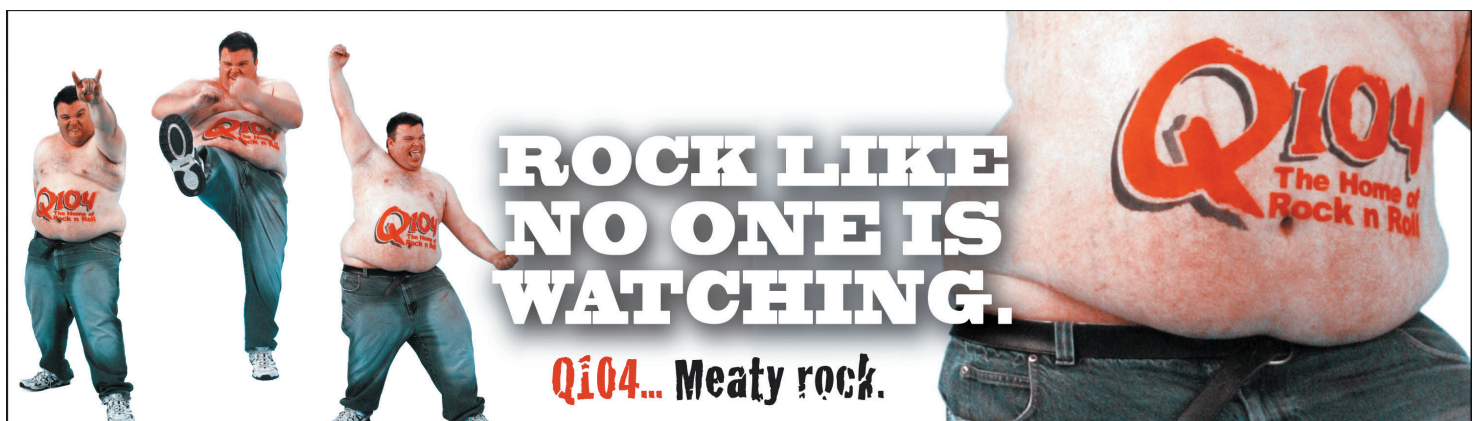
know what was worse, the bleak angles and bright peach dress ... or the b.s. commentary/blogs," she says (via Twitter).

She says she "could've definitely lived without" seeing the pictures. (She also admits that her "dress

and hair" were not suitable for the "red carpet.")

Her rep denied she and Cannon spent Easter Sunday at a fertility clinic, but instead were spending Easter Sunday with family in southern California.

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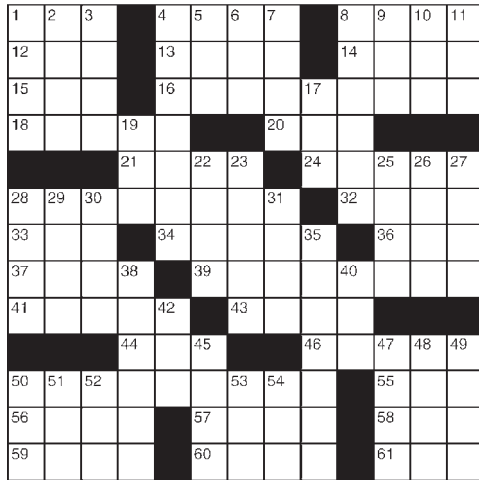






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## Take Five



### Crossword across

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| 4 Harvest            | 37 "Zounds!"              |
| 8 "The Amazing —"    | 39 Pretend to be          |
| 12 Clumsy sort       | 41 Decorator's theme      |
| 13 Beige             | 43 Ice cream holder       |
| 14 Vivacity          | 44 Jungfrau, for one      |
| 15 "CSI" evidence    | 46 Dutch cheese           |
| 16 Claim             | 50 Specify as a condition |
| 18 Match             | 55 Rep. or Dem.           |
| 20 Attempt           | 56 Aching                 |
| 21 Church service    | 57 Bread spread           |
| 24 Famous            | 58 Choose                 |
| 28 Count             | 59 Sport                  |
| 32 Unclothed         | 60 Hammerhead part        |
| 33 Before            | 61 Ultramodernist         |
| 34 Berate            |                           |

### Crossword down

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| 1 Last few notes      | vessel            | Buscaglia               |
| 2 Hunger symptom      | 19 Ostrich's kin  | 42 Winter ailment       |
| 3 Somewhere out there | 22 Anatomical     | 45 Sit down heavily     |
| 4 Undoes an amendment | pouches           | 47 "Once — a time"      |
| 5 Green, in a sense   | 23 Unemotional    | 48 Nitwit               |
| 6 Esses' precursors   | 25 Albacore, e.g. | 49 Choir member         |
| 7 Short shot          | 26 Tend texts     | 50 Away from NNE        |
| 8 Trust               | 27 Drop a line?   | 51 Pirouette pivot      |
| 9 Carte lead-in       | 28 Abound         | 52 Savings-plan acronym |
| 10 Tabby              | 29 Jason's ship   | 53 Hearty quaff         |
| 11 Chemical cell      | 30 Tempo          | 54 Placekicker's prop   |
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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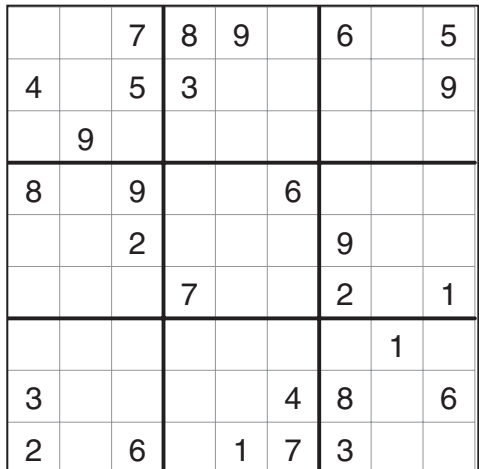
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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....Smart
Under 13 min .....Genius	21-25 min .....Not bad
13-17 min .....Scholar	25+ min .....Keep practising

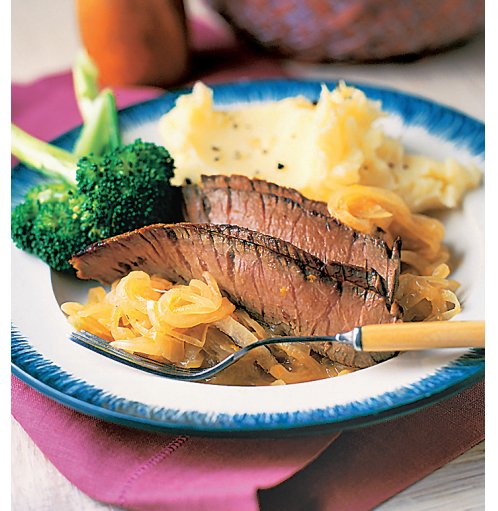
### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Steak and Onions

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 5 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) oregano
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed boneless beef top round, cut about 2 in. (5 cm) thick
- 1 tsp (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper

#### METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and sugar, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions begin to brown, 20 minutes.

2. Add vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) oregano, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt, and black pepper. Cook until onions are wilted and glazed, 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Rub beef with remaining 1/4 tsp (1 ml) oregano, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Broil beef 4 in. (10 cm) from heat until medium, 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
A blockade leads to victory. Be alert when politics are an eye-opener. Diligence will help you avoid offensive remarks.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Grim people are causing irritation. Greater damage is done by work issues. Try on a new role as a "mover and shaker."

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Uncertainty about income makes you work harder. Hang around with unconventional people. Refuse to put a damper on love.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
A colleague saves you from anxiety. Fresh theories about a cherished venture won't alter reality. A man is anxiously waiting for strength to return.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
A stranger's motives are ambiguous. An authority figure has no time to focus. A non-stop talker is finally silenced by common sense.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
A kind woman makes sure you're happy. Irrational anger continues to vex. A love story must be shared.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
A catastrophic conversation has a friend in turmoil. Get smart and build your field of dreams. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Take statements about opportunities with a grain of salt. Let others be responsible for making corrections. A petty tyrant is moody.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Explain your haste to avoid hurt feelings. Internet contacts expose a weakness in a plan. Plumbing problems become amusing.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Your hands may be tied by someone's exhaustion. Be honest when discussing a crisis. A self-righteous friend disputes a duty.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
Friends make you consider a change. A down-to-earth woman has a health issue. A visitor anticipates a good decision.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
A shocking event makes you unsure about your next step. Get support by flushing out feelings of inadequacy. Prepare for dramatic events.

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**WORDY GURDY**

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like PAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE, and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Sink tasks into the central part (1)
2. Skating arena's shabby (1)
3. Comic actor David had fun, not work (1)
4. Small-minded Abominable Snowman (2)
5. Oakland NFLer swapper (2)
6. Movie had tough guy's Detroit cars (2)
7. Old cool's ice-cold storage compartments (2)

### This day in history

- APRIL 15, 1865: Abraham Lincoln dies after being shot the previous evening by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson is then sworn in as the 17th President of the United States.
- APRIL 15, 1912: The British passenger liner, the RMS Titanic, sinks in the North Atlantic, after hitting an iceberg two and a half hours earlier, the previous day.
- APRIL 15, 1923: Insulin becomes generally available for use by diabetics.
- APRIL 15, 1989: Upon Hu Yaobang's death, the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 begin in the People's Republic of China.



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